


Using Sequence Connectors



Sequence connectors are used to connect one idea to the next.

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They are helpful when telling a story, giving step-by-step instructions, or highlighting the order in which a series of actions happened.

Sequence Connectors

First *Introduces the first of a sequence*

Next/Then *Introduces the following action or concept.*

As soon as *Immediately after the time of another action*

Before *Refers to a previous action*

After *Introduces the next action*

Later *Introduces another action*

Finally/Lastly *Demonstrates the last action in a sequence*

Example

Last year, my company switched to a 4-day work week. Before we switched, the company sent us a survey to see what our preferences were. After the survey showed that we all wanted a shorter week, they put together a plan to transition to a 4-day week. One week later, we had a meeting to discuss, and prepare for the change which required us to decide which 4 weekdays we would work. Then, my colleagues and I voted to eliminate Fridays from our work week and as soon as we agreed, our new 4-day work week schedule started.

Practice assignment:

- Think about a change that happened in your company last year. Describe the process of change using sequence connectors.
- Use sequence connectors to describe the process of one of your work tasks.
- Use sequence connectors to tell a short story about something that happened at work recently.



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